

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 147

SENATE BILL NO. 2276

By Kyle, Barnes, Berke, Stewart, Ford, Burks, Crowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2313

By Bass, Mike Turner, Evans, Watson, Harry Brooks, Rich, Ferguson, Shepard, Barker, Moore, Litz, Faulkner, Haynes, Weaver, Hackworth, Montgomery, Towns, Coley, Campfield, Curtis Johnson, Niceley, Pitts, Hardaway, Dean, Fincher, McDonald, Yokley, Stewart, Jim Cobb, Lollar, Todd, Bone, Curt Cobb, McManus, Ty Cobb, Windle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-7-110, relative to retention of service weapon.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-7-110, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if a commissioned member of the Department of Safety dies or is killed in the line of duty, the department shall be authorized to present the member's service weapon to the member's surviving spouse or children, or, if the member had no spouse or children, to the member's parents.

(2) If the surviving child (or children) are under twenty-one (21) years of age, the service weapon shall be given into the custody of the child's legal guardian to be held until the child (or eldest surviving child) attains the age of twenty-one (21).

(3) If the surviving spouse, child or children, surviving parents, or legal guardian of such person are not eligible to possess a firearm under federal or state law, the department shall not present the service weapon to them.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 20, 2009


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5th day of May 2009


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR